

modify, limit, or negate the requirement under subparagraph (A).

“(4) In accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary, the Secretary shall—

“(A) establish criteria for determining the amount of reimbursement (which may include a maximum amount) payable under this section; and

“(B) delineate the circumstances under which such payment may be made, including requirements for requesting reimbursement.

“(d)(1) In accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary, the United States shall have the independent right to recover any amount paid under this section if, and to the extent that, a third party subsequently makes a payment for the same emergency treatment.

“(2) Any amount paid by the United States to the veteran, the veteran's personal representative, successor, dependents, or survivors, or to any other person or organization paying for such treatment shall constitute a lien in favor of the United States against any recovery the payee subsequently receives from a third party for the same treatment.

“(3) Any amount paid by the United States to the provider that furnished the veteran's emergency treatment shall constitute a lien against any subsequent amount the provider receives from a third party for the same emergency treatment for which the United States made payment.

“(4) The veteran or the veteran's personal representative, successor, dependents, or survivors shall—

“(A) ensure that the Secretary is promptly notified of any payment received from any third party for emergency treatment furnished to the veteran;

“(B) immediately forward all documents relating to a payment described in subparagraph (A);

“(C) cooperate with the Secretary in an investigation of a payment described in subparagraph (A); and

“(D) assist the Secretary in enforcing the United States right to recover any payment made under subsection (c)(3).

“(e) The Secretary may waive recovery of a payment made to a veteran under this section that is otherwise required under subsection (d)(1) if the Secretary determines that such waiver would be in the best interest of the United States, as defined by regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

“(f) For purposes of this section—

“(1) the term ‘health-plan contract’ includes—  
“(A) an insurance policy or contract, medical or hospital service agreement, membership or subscription contract, or similar arrangement, under which health services for individuals are provided or the expenses of such services are paid;

“(B) an insurance program described in section 1811 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395c) or established by section 1831 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 1395j);

“(C) a State plan for medical assistance approved under title XIX of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.); and

“(D) a workers' compensation law or plan described in section 1729(A)(2)(B) of this title;

“(2) the term ‘third party’ means—

“(A) a Federal entity;

“(B) a State or political subdivision of a State;

“(C) an employer or an employer's insurance carrier; and

“(D) a person or entity obligated to provide, or pay the expenses of, such emergency treatment; and

“(3) the term ‘emergency treatment’ has the meaning given such term in section 1725 of this title.”

(b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 17 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1725 the following:

“Sec. 1725A. Reimbursement for emergency treatment expenses for which certain veterans remain personally liable.”

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment at the desk be agreed to, the committee-reported amendment, as amended, be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 2694) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under “Text of Amendments.”)

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1182), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

#### WAIVER OF PASSPORT FEES FOR A RELATIVE OF A DECEASED MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 279, S. 1184.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1184) to waive the passport fees for a relative of a deceased member of the Armed Forces proceeding abroad to visit the grave of such member or to attend a funeral or memorial service for such member.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements related to this measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1184) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1184

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. PASSPORT FEES.

Section 1 of the Act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 750, chapter 223; 22 U.S.C. 214) is amended in the third sentence by striking “or from a widow, child, parent, brother, or sister of a deceased member of the Armed Forces proceeding abroad to visit the grave of such member” and inserting “or from a widow, widower, child, parent, grandparent, brother, or sister of a deceased member of the Armed Forces proceeding abroad to visit the grave of such member or to attend a funeral or memorial service for such member”.

#### MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4637, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4637) to make certain technical corrections in amendments made by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4637) was read the third time and passed.

#### REAUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4635, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4635) to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through March 31, 2006, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4635) was read the third time and passed.

#### FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM CONFORMING AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4636, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4636) to enact the technical and conforming amendments necessary to implement the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4636) was read the third time and passed.